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EDITORIAL

NO MORE VIETNAMS

Nixon administration escalation and direct intervention in the Middle East war has begun. U.S. army personnel have been dispatched to Israel. Massive re-supply operations are underway. It is claimed these troops are to direct and coordinate the re-supply operation.

The American people must oppose this development. It represents Richard Nixon's attempt to consolidate his crumbling regime, expand U.S. imperialist interests in the Middle East and ultimately to create conditions making possible his assumption of dictatorial powers in America.

On the second day of fighting in the Middle East, Nixon told a Vietnam veterans group at the White House that U.S. policy is the same now as was followed in Lebanon in 1958 and Jordan in 1970. U.S. Marines were landed in Lebanon in 1958 at the height of a government crisis. In 1970 the U.S. secretly flew ammunition and weapons to Jordan to help King Hussein massacre Palestinian guerrillas.

Moves by Arab oil producing countries to use their oil to support the Arab war effort is the excuse for the beginnings of petroleum product rationing in this country. This is being done despite the fact that the U.S. only receives 6% of its crude oil from the Arab Middle East countries.

Carefully hidden from the American people is the fact that the "energy crisis" is the direct result of the refusal of the U.S. oil companies to expand and build new refinery facilities in America. Instead, these giant monopolies have long-term objectives of expanding and consolidating their facilities in the Middle East where labor costs are a fraction of those in this country, and the need for transport of crude oil is eliminated.

The industry-created "energy crisis" is being used to fire popular support for "protection of U.S. oil interests in the Middle East". The intention is to stampede the American people into passive acceptance of U.S. military intervention. The American people must not allow another Vietnam humiliation to be imposed on this country. Write your Congressional representatives to vote down Nixon's request for $2.2 billion for Israeli aid, and to stop escalation of the war.



NO COMMENT

Letters to the Editor

Brothers and Sisters of the B.P.P.:

In reference to an editorial appearing in "The Black Panther Intercommunal News Service" dated November 13, 1973, may I address myself to one fact, that fact being the United Nations has repeatedly condemned Israeli aggression.

In my opinion this process of condemnation doesn't seem to make much difference to the Jews. That Jewish state is Nixon's right - on ally, which can be attested to by United States official political, economic, and social support. Nixon's well-known habit of selling weapons to any country that can pay for them will, in my opinion, further this country's involvement in a war which may prove to be equally as disasterous as the Southeastern Asian war was unless people keep voicing their conscience in places like the United Nations. Right on for the United Nations!!!

My conscience says let us keep Israeli boundaries intact and very well defined in accordance with the 1948 peace settlement; recognize the necessity of maintaining and protecting this area of land and return the remaining acres to the Arab refugees. Keep Jews dispersed in terms of extending the boundaries of Israel because they are "agitating" too much hate and more people will die while Israelites attempt to hold on to land seized originally through bloodletting. No more Wars!!! Peace and progress to all!!!

Sincerely,
Ms. Sandra Thomas
A Concerned Black Citizen
Berkeley, Calif.

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Dear Comrades:

We, the Brothers and Sisters of Prisoners, Families and Friends for Action wish to convey our sincere thanks at this time for your endorsement of our Platform and Program - also your support of our struggle against the racist Prison System of Texas which is controlled by a most vicious ruling power.

We understand the connection between the Judicial System and capitalism, how it is only an extending arm of the ruling class, that it is a fundamental instrument in the desire of the ruling power to keep Black, Brown and poor people in bondage. We struggle to abolish the Prison System as other Brothers and Sisters on a local and state level are also doing.

Because of its correct analysis of the problems that confront us on a day to day basis, and its proven concern for the survival of Black people in particular and all oppressed people in general, we recognize the Black Panther Party as the vehicle which is needed to lead us in our struggle against a most vicious system of capitalism in America.

Your Comrades in Struggle
PRISONERS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF DALLAS, TEXAS

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COMMENT

GHANA SPEAKS

"STOP THIS SENSELESS WAR"

(Accra, Ghana)- Under the heading "Stop This Senseless War", the October 8th issue of The Ghanaian Times *made these editorial comments on the Middle East war.*

"The inaction of the United Nations has once again permitted the Middle East conflict to erupt into another bloody war. This has placed world peace in a very disquieting state of uncertainty. Yet this is a war which would never have been waged had it not been for imperialist and capitalist interests in the Middle East which have encouraged Israeli stubbornness and obstinacy in holding on to the occupied territories, once the motherland of the Palestinian Arabs.

"In its eagerness to promote Zionist territorial expansion policies, Israel has persistently defied all United Nations efforts to effect the only settlement which is both reasonable and humane, namely, the unconditional withdrawal from the bona fide home of the Palestinian Arabs.

"We have constantly asserted that we cannot be a party to any Arab demands for the annihilation of the Jewish race or the state of Israel. And neither would we, within the slightest stretch of imagination, pander to Israeli territorial expansion policies at the expense of any Arab state.

"Whatever has provoked this present war, its basis is immoral and very degrading of human values. It is a return to mediocrity and to the uncivilized days when might was right all the time.

"However, we do not think that all is lost yet. If only the imperialist and capitalist masterminds, who think only of what they can take out of other people but never once of the rights of others, would make one mighty effort to obey natural laws, it would be possible to bring the Middle East situation under control.

". . . Israel has by her action closed the doors on all peaceful attempts at a Middle East settlement. What Israel should have in mind is that any settlement aimed at the realization of peace in the Middle East must contain the necessary elements to make that peace durable.

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[Top, left] The children from the Intercommunal Youth Institute Choir belting out a song; [Top, right] BOBBY SEALE, delivering the opening dedication. [Bottom, left to right] ELAINE BROWN and the Son of Man Temple Choir; Intercommunal Youth Institute Director, BRENDA BAY; a section of the overflow crowd.

BOBBY SEALE DEDICATES NEW YOUTH INSTITUTE AND SON OF MAN TEMPLE TO COMMUNITY

OVERFLOW CROWD AT JOYOUS CELEBRATION

(Oakland, Calif.) - "It was like a look into the future", said one mother at last Sunday's grand dedication of the new location of the Intercommunal Youth Institute and Son of Man Temple in the heart of this city's ghetto. Close to 500 souls from the community, the Bay Area and beyond joined the children, the staff and the proud members of the Educational Opportunities Corporation to celebrate the occasion.

But it was the children's day. The overflow crowd rose to its feet repeatedly to cheer the Institute children: the chorus of two and three-year-olds confidently belting out "This Little Light of Mine"; the first, second and third graders in a swinging vocal and dramatic presentation of "Save The Children" and the sensational Institute band of 30 highly talented six to 15 year-olders that rocked the auditorium with professional rendetions of the themes from "Shaft", "Love Story", "Watermelon Man" and other numbers, behind the driving rhythms of a miracle 6-year-old on drums.

The celebrations opened with a brief address by Bobby Seale who solemnly dedicated the Intercommunal Youth Institute and Son of Man Temple to the community. He emphasized the Institute's role in providing meaningful, relevant and prideful education for its students. "We're not here to teach our children WHAT to think", he said. "We're here to teach our children HOW to think!"

Bobby listed the many free community survival programs that are being conducted by the Son of Man Temple: health clinic, Seniors Against A Fearful Environment (S.A.F.E.), legal aid, food, clothing, shoes, busing to prisons. He invited all present to regularly join in the Temple's activities.

Bobby was followed by the Son of Man Temple Choir. From the back of the auditorium rose the powerful refrain of "Oh Freedom, Oh Freedom", as the choir, resplendent in black robes with brilliant red and green sashes, the colors of liberation, slowly marched down the aisles. After two rousing numbers, "Ooh Child" and "We Are Soldiers", Elaine Brown joined the choir, leading it in a moving rendition of her own "And We Shall Meet Again."

INTERCOMMUNAL YOUTH INSTITUTE

Brenda Bay, Director of the Institute and its guiding light for the more than two years of its existence, explained the basic aims of the Institute. She said the school provided the children with basic skills, an analytical way of thinking and an atmosphere in which to practice interrelationships of love. She said the Institute presently enrolled about 50 students and hoped to raise that number to 100 by the first of next year.

Among prominent community leaders who participated in the dedication/celebration, enjoyed the fellowship and partook of the roast turkey dinner provided for all, was Rev. Cecil

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This is Franklin Field projects in Boston. Positive and united comunity action won the people of Detroit's Herman Gardens and Smith Homes improved maintenance of their homes. It can happen everywhere.

DETROIT PROJECTS

COMMUNITY ACTION WINS HOME IMPROVEMENTS

(Detroit, Mich.) - The residents of Herman Gardens and Smith Homes housing projects in this city recently demonstrated the effectiveness of positive community action to obtain improved maintenance of their homes. When the Concerned Citizens Committee of Herman Gardens project launched its protest by picketing the maintenance office, the Detroit city government hastened to implement the "modernizaton" maintenance program which should have begun months before.

The protest action by the Concerned Citizens took place in August, following a decision that they would not allow their homes to remain in dire need of repair and maintenance. In a letter to the Tenant Affairs Board which administers the projects, the Committee wrote:

"We demand that tenants be involved in expenditures of all monies allocated for tenants in public housing.

"We demand that the Detroit Housing Commission, Board of Tenant Affairs and Board of Commissioners agree to work with us on state, federal and city government levels to meet the needs of public housing tenants.

"We wish to hear from the Board of Tenants Affairs within seventy-two hours as of 3:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, August 22, 1973."

The committee demanded to know what was being done with the $1.3 million allocated to the Modernization Program of the Common Council, Detroit's governing body. Following the picketing by the tenants and the submission of their demands, a public hearing of the Common Council was held to air the community grievances.

Improved maintenance and repairs began soon after the hearing. These included roof repair, installation of protective security window screens, solid core wood doors, mercury vapor yard lighting and timers, new kitchen cabinets and sinks, porch lights and floor tile.

In a letter to the Concerned Citizens Committee, Ms. Barbara Simpson, Chairperson of the Board of Tenant Affairs wrote:

"The Board of Tenant Affairs has always been the advocate of resident participation in decisions that influence all areas of concern in public housing communities...There is an apparent lack of communication between all interested parties at this point. The Board will take action to improve communication links with the

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COMMITTEE TO SUPPORT THE REPUBLIC OF GUINEA-BISSAU FORMED

(New York, N.Y.) - A Committee to Support the Republic of Guinea-Bissau has been formed here. It is "a citizens effort to encourage thousands of Americans to recognize and support the newly independent Republic of Guinea-Bissau in West Africa", according to William H. Booth, chairman of the committee.

A press statement released last week states: "At present, fifty-nine nations have announced recognition of Guinea-Bissau, with more than 70 nations expected to do so in the near future. Since the U.S. government is an ally and supporter of Portugal, the committee does not expect the government to recognize the new republic now.

"The committee's goals are to: (1) organize citizen recognition and support for the republic and (2) demonstrate popular support to the Nixon administration for governmental recognition of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau."

In a message of support and solidarity to the people and party of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, the committee states: ". . . In this historic moment, we join with the people of Guinea-Bissau in celebrating this latest triumph over Portuguese colonialism and its allies. . .

"Recognizing that newly independent governments have had to resist international pressures aimed at undermining their sovereignty, we pledge our solidarity with you in the face of any pressures. Be assured that your countrymen and women are welcome among us."

FREE DAVID HILLIARD

David Hilliard, leading member of the Black Panther Party and victim of the Watergaters, continues to be held at Vacaville (Medical Facility) Prison. We demand his immediate release.

Unjustly convicted of a crime he did not commit; repeatedly refused parole despite an unblemished prison record; suffering from a chronic ulcer condition that grows worse under the stress of horrifying prison conditions, every day David Hilliard completes in Vacaville adds one more day of infamy to the records of those who put him there and those who refuse to release him.



1st BLACK MAYOR

BLACK COMMUNITY TRIUMPHS IN ATLANTA ELECTIONS

(Atlanta, Ga.) - Black vice-mayor Maynard Jackson easily won a hotly contested battle with conservative incumbent Sam Massell last week to become the first Black mayor of a major Southern city in recent years. Black candidates also won a controlling 13 of the 18 city council seats and also captured five seats on the nine- member school board. The new city officials take office on January 7, 1974, and a new city charter, which re-structured the city government similar to the structure of the U.S. Congress, will go into effect.

Brother Jackson's 60% vote margin gave him an overwhelming vote of confidence from the people of this predominantly Black city. Jackson, 35, received a large percentage of votes in the White communities of this southern city, clearly showing their rejection of Massell's racist "scare" campaign against the Black vice-ma-

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The day after the threatened Oakland school strike was averted, WILLIAM ROBERTS [wearing cap] disclosed the weekend long efforts by the Black Panhter Party to obtain the best results possible for the city's school children. Also seen in picture is Ms. ELAINE BROWN.

OAKLAND SCHOOL STRIKE AVERTED - BLACK PANTHER PARTY NEGOTIATES "MODEL" PACT

(Oakland, Calif.) - The possibility of this city undergoing its first teacher's strike in history was narrowly averted last week, when through last-minute negotiations conducted by members of the Black Panther Party, an agreement was reached between the Oakland Unified School District and its certified teachers.

The new pact, including the crucial cost-of-living pay raise, was hailed by teacher spokespeople as a "model" for future teacher/administration negotiations throughout the state.

Significant features of the agreement include:

--An across-the-board 9% salary increase.

--The establishment of a maximum classroom size in Oakland schools beginning next school year, to ease classroom overcrowding.

--An increase from $6 to $8 in the amount of district-supplied school materials per child, and the establishment of a $20,000 fund to reimburse teachers who purchase supplies for their classes.

--A guarantee of up to four months medical benefits for maternity leaves.

--Strengthening the employee council's involvement in school district budget-making.

Meeting separately, both the Oakland Education Association (OEA) and the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) Local 771, voted to ratify the new agreement. The entire package deal is estimated to cost from $4.5 to $6 million. Yet, even as the settlement was being acclaimed as "good and positive", the next day's school board meeting revealed that tensions between the school administration and the joint AFT - community forces are still smoldering. Still at issue are the demands for job upgrading, significant salary hikes for instructional assistants, "advised consent" regarding the administering of mood-altering drugs to students -- most notably, Ritalin--and the abandonment of the proposed police-in-schools plan.

The biggest bombshell of the stormy afternoon session was the realization, for the first time, of the Black Pan-

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CARLOS FELICIANO GETS 4 YEARS

(New York, N.Y.) - Puerto Rican nationalist Carlos Feliciano was sentenced in the New York State Supreme Court last week to up to four years in prison for possession of and intent to use bombs, explosives and a weapon.

Brother Feliciano's sentence was the result of his conviction on September 19 of four out of six counts that stemmed from an alleged attempted firebombing of the General Electric Company building here on February 9, 1970. The jury acquitted him of charges of attempted arson and reckless endangerment involving the General Electric incident.

Many years an activist for Puerto Rican liberation, Brother Feliciano has become a symbol of the struggle for Puerto Rican independence. It was Brother Feliciano's second frame-up trial in a U.S. government effort to cripple the Puerto Rican independence movement by falsely linking Puerto Rican activists with terrorist bombings.

HUMAN EXPERIMENTATION AT HOLMESBURG PRISON EXPOSED

(Philadelphia, Pa.) - The U.S. House Sub - Committee on Corrections reports that the administrators of Holmesburg prison here have conducted harmful experiments on prisoners. The testimony heard by the congressional body revealed that the University of Pennsylvania, Johnson and Johnson Co., Ivy Research Laboratories Inc. and the U.S. Army induced hundreds of prisoners to be burned and injected with bacteria so that experiments might be run to test treatments.

There are over 2,700 prisoners in the county's three prisons, Holmesburg, the Detention Center and the House of Corrections. Of these, 2,300 are awaiting trial and have not yet been convicted of any crime. This means that almost 85 percent of the detained prison inmates are potentially innocent. Two-thirds will be acquitted when they finally come to trial. These men are in jail because they are too poor to raise the exhorbitant bail. Ninety percent of those confined in the three jails are Black.

Prisoners have had soap and shampoo dropped into their eyes throughout 24 hour periods. Viruses and fungi have been injected into their systems to study their effects by a Dr. Albert M. Kiligman. Ms. Phyllis Taylor, a nurse and consultant at Holmesburg from 1971 until 1973 testified that she saw these experiments being conducted. Another involved prisoners being burned with ultra-violet lamps to determine if industrial salves and ointments would be effective. Dr. Kiligman a dermatology specialist at the University of Pennsylvania, has been conducting this type of experiment for fifteen years under the auspices of Ivy Research Laboratories.

Prison inmates are forced to participate in medical experiments that often leave them maimed or seriously ill. Although some prisoners remain detained for as long as two and a half years, they may not walk. No work program or other method of earning money is provided to the prisoners other than the experimentation allowances. By being used as a "guinea pig" often enough a prisoner may help support his family or bail himself out of prison.

The shampoo experiment netted $3 for each participant and was conducted

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"POPEYE" JACKSON BUSTED

PRISON ACTIVIST FRAMED BY S.F. POLICE

(San Francisco, Calif.) - On August 28th At 10:30 p.m., Wilbert "Popeye" Jackson, chairman of the United Prisoners Union, was arrested on false charges of possession of heroin with intent to sell and possession of marijuana. Two plainclothes San Francisco policemen from the crime prevention detail made the arrest, following an illegal search of Brother Jackson's car.

A pre-trial hearing was held on September 20, in which a judge made the decision to hold Brother Jackson over for trial. This decision was based on the testimony of only one person, arresting officer Shepard. Bail was set at $2,500.

Police were led to the arrest on a tip from a woman named Sandy Parma, who had been arrested the previous evening for prostitution. When contacted by the defense attorneys she denied ever giving such information. The defense has not been able to contact Ms. Parma since that time.

On September 11 a press conference was called by a Ms. Jessica Vodquen, who has been doing volunteer office work for the United Prisoners Union (U.P.U.) and the Venceremos Brigade.



The San Francisco police are attempting to frame WILBERT "POPEYE" JACKSON, head of the United Prisoners Union.

At the press conference she stated that she was a paid agent for the San Francisco F.B.I. and police department. She said that she had been working under the supervision of Alexander Jason, who had been exposed a year ago by the Venceremos Brigade as a police agent. Ms. Vodquen said that she had been asked to infiltrate the U.P.U. because of the

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INSIDE OUT

CHARLES GOADY: IF YOU'RE BLACK GET BACK

Charles Goady - Black member of the Oakland School Board has his hands full. If he's not juggling insults to throw out to mothers and students who come to the Oakland School Board meetings for answers to their questions or solutions to their problems, then he's tossing around the strategies for combating every idea that may benefit the Black and poor communities. Standing in the background of Oakland Superintendant of Schools, Marcus Foster, and in support of the same denial of the Black and poor community, he has upheld the most conservative position the board can take. When parents and their children complain about the school board's abuse, he screams that the AFT (American Federation of Teachers - Oakland Local) is duping the Black community, tricking them.

Recently, when inter - district transfers of school children were being discussed by the board, even Marcus Foster opposed them. Charles Goady, however, supported the idea. His reasoning was that inter-district transfers were beneficial to Black and poor youth...If youth are transferred from Oakland to Piedmont (and White youth from Piedmont to Oakland) then Black children would be able to rub shoulders with the important ones, "be somebody". In other words, Charles Goady wants to see Black children further denied adequate education in their own communities. He has, in fact, supported the proposal to bring police into the Oakland school system, a proposal written and promoted by the California Council for Criminal Justice, a police front organization.

BARNEY HILBURN'S GOT A PROBLEM

Barney Hilburn - Another Black Oakland School Board member has achieved notoriety because he has done almost nothing to benefit students, parents or teachers in the 13 years that he has been on the board. Barney Hilburn's drinking problem places the education of our children in serious danger. No one can deny his faltering, confused manner of handling important matters. A man who makes decisions as important as those concerning the placement of police in the Oakland Public School system certainly should be immediately replaced if his thoughts are too muddled by alcohol.

WOMEN PRISONERS FIGHT PSYCHING

(Frontera, Calif.) - The California Institute for Women (CIW) Prison has recently intensified its repression upon the female prisoner population following a strike by three women to protest their forced involvement in a new behavior modification program. The prison administration has intensified pressure on the women prisoners who are refusing to sign up or take part in the Intensive Programming Unit (I.P.U.). The I.P.U. program uses what it calls transactional analysis to break down the psychological defenses of the inmates, which makes walking zombies of them.

One of the three women recently escaped from the institution, while the others are still suffering abuse. One woman was thrown into the "hole" for refusing to cooperate. Another has been transferred from the hospital to the Psychiatric Unit. She was in the hospital for treatment after being badly beaten during an "attack group" session, a part of the program which calls for the women to verbally and often physically attack each other. However, the two women remain steadfast in refusing to sign a contract to "legally" become part of I.P.U.

SQUELCH RESISTANCE

In order to further squelch all resistance to the program the administration is attempting to dupe the women into ignoring the terrible effects of "behavior modification". As one prisoner put it, these experiments "try to make us like mush and take away our identity so they can build us up again the way they want to."

Women are now being taken directly from the incoming reception center and placed in the program. Thus, the new women in I.P.U. have been in prison less than ninety days and aren't even adjusted to prison life. This new "screening process" is designed to temporarily alleviate the fear of women already in the main part of the prison that they will be chosen at random, promoting apathy throughout the general population.

The staff of I.P.U. are trying to make behavior modification more palatable to the women. They are given the privilege of mail and visits with family. If a woman not only cooperates with the program but helps to lead the attack groupings, she is allowed out of the unit into the main part of the grounds and can attend any approved activity. The staff is trying to convince the women in the unit to enforce the arbitrary prisons rules on each other.

MISS. WOODCUTTERS APPEAL FOR SUPPORT

UNITY FORGED IN KU KLUX KLAN HEARTLAND

(Eastabuchie, Miss.)-Striking woodcutters in Southern Alabama and Mississippi, members of the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association, urgently need money and food. A memo received by THE BLACK PANTHER from the Southern Conference Educational Fund asks "friends everywhere" to support the GPA, which has been on strike against the pulp and paper mills since midnight, September 7.

The woodcutters went on strike because runaway inflation eroded the gains the GPA won in its victorious three-month long strike in the fall of 1971. The fall, 1971, strike startled the country as a result of the unity forged by Black and White workers in the very heart of Ku Klux Klan territory.

The key demands of the present strike are: higher pay for wood, accident insurance to offset the hazardous conditions under which the cutters work, and an agreement by the paper and pulp industries to meet with the GPA to "bring about the changes we must have". This last demand amounts to recognition of the GPA as bargaining agent for the cutters.

Shortly after the strike began, Scott Paper Company and International Paper Company, two industry giants, lost a bid in federal court to stop the strike. One paper company official testified in court that wood deliveries on the second day of the strike were down from an expected 1039 cords to 273.

One official admitted that wood dealers are often financed by the paper companies to procure wood. He also admitted the weight of an "equivalent" cord of wood varies from woodyard to woodyard. The court hearing revealed that dealers sell or lease equipment and parts to the woodcutters by deducting payments from the price paid for wood delivered to the woodyard. One dealer said that if a woodcutter stops hauling to his yard, he repossesses any equipment being sold to the cutter, and keeps the money he has collected as "rent".

EXPLOITATION

The evidence clearly showed how the exploitation of woodcutters continues the tradition of sharecropping, in which the workers are perpetually held in debt to their employers. Woodcutters are not "independent contractors", as the companies claim, they are victims of a cruel system of exploitation.

At first over 2,000 cutters struck in 19 counties of Alabama and Mississippi. The strike is expected to spread to 10 more counties in Alabama and Mississippi, and into North Florida. The GPA organizers are on

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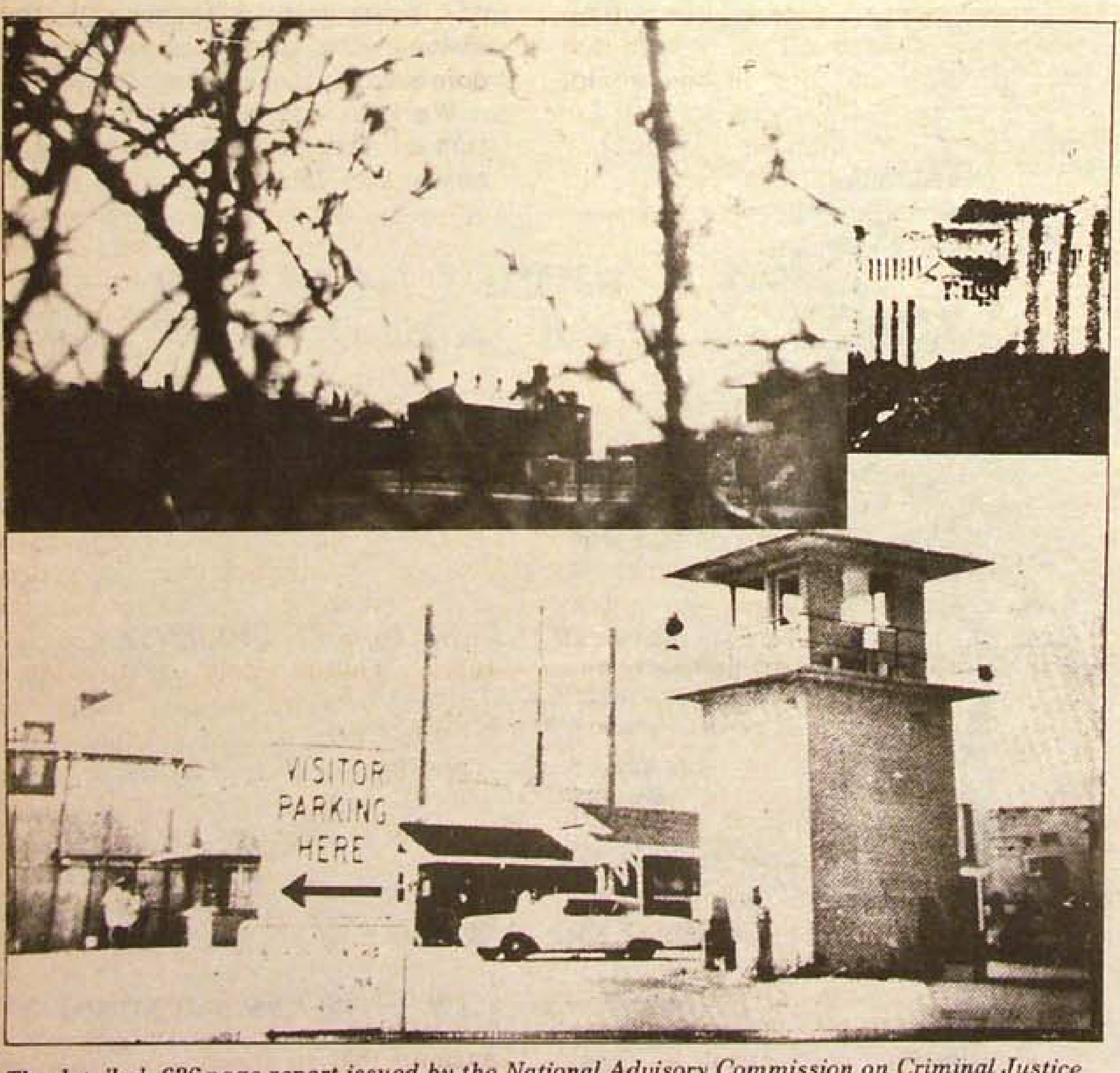
CRIME ADVISORY COMMISSION: "PRISONS ARE OBSOLETE"

(Sacramento, Calif.) - Despite demands from the Black community and recommendations from the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) that prisons be discontinued and the corrections system remolded, the backwards California Board of Corrections has rolled back recent prison reforms. The National Urban League's executive director, Vernon Jordan, has added his voice to the community demands for what Jordan calls "intensive citizen participation" in reforming the criminal justice system. Brother Jordan calls this system "an abject failure."

The National Advisory Commission on Criminal Justice Standards and Goals said that prisons presently fail in the most elementary tasks of protecting the public. The Commission's 636-page report was prepared for the LEAA and was billed to the U.S. Justice Department. The report concluded that prisons are "obsolete, cannot be reformed, should not be perpetuated through false hopes...and should be repudiated as useless..." In 1970, the California state legislature passed a bill mandating the Board of Corrections to establish general guidelines for local jails throughout the state in the areas of: health, sanitation, security, rehabilitation programs, recreation, personnel training, visiting and correspondence rights, disciplining of prisoners and fire and general safety measures. Governor Ronald Reagan vetoed the bill. In 1971, when a similar bill passed through the legislature, with an even wider majority, Reagan reluctantly signed the bill into law.

Not until April, 1973, nine months after the new law called for action, did the Board of Corrections draw up a list of penal standards. Pressure immediately mounted from prison guards and local county sheriffs to repeal the requirements to withhold new expenditures and avoid any difficulties. In July of this year the executive officer of the Board of Corrections, Howard Sutliff, explained in a letter to the Santa Barbara ACLU that "the regulations were modified because of the concerns expressed by the members of the California Sheriff's Association and the California Peace Officers Association". The American Civil Liberties Union maintains that the state is obliged to pay the necessary costs since the

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PEOPLE'S PERSPECTIVE

"TESTING" DISCRIMINATION OUTLAWED

(Upper Arlington, Ohio) - A civil rights ordinance recently enacted in this White suburb of Columbus prohibits persons or groups from even so much as "testing" or "checking" to determine whether racial discrimination is being practiced by landlords and real estate brokers.

HOUSING RACISM UNPUNISHED

(Columbus, Ohio) - A recent trial court ruling here is responsible for the award of a grand total of one dollar in damages to Black victims of housing discrimination. The case involved a real estate company who misrepresented to Blacks that homes were not available. The court ruling is being appealed.

"GET RID OF NIGGERS"

(Detroit, Michigan) - Black residents of predominantly White neighborhoods are complaining of severe harassment to the Detroit City Council. The experiences of Ms. Valerie Driver are typical. On one occasion a mob of Whites assembled in front of her house jeering and throwing objects at her home. On another occassion the National Socialist Party, also known as the "White Peoples Party", passed out literature in front of her house pledging to "get rid of all the niggers". Ms. Driver, who is afraid to leave her home, said police officers joked about her complaints and ridiculed her after she filed a formal complaint.

MEDIA DISTORTION CHALLENGED

(Atlanta, Georgia) - Three Black Atlanta leaders have requested an order from a federal court here to take sworn testimony from the president of Cox Broadcasting Corp. in preparation for a conspiracy suit against several Cox companies, including Cox Broadcasting and the publisher of the *Atlanta Journal and Constitution*. At a press conference following the request, State Rep. Julian Bond, Alderman Marvin S. Arrington and former NAACP head Lonnie King said that the newspaper, particularly, has used a "selective" approach to the news to place Blacks in a negative light. They said that a conspiracy exists to slant the news against Blacks.

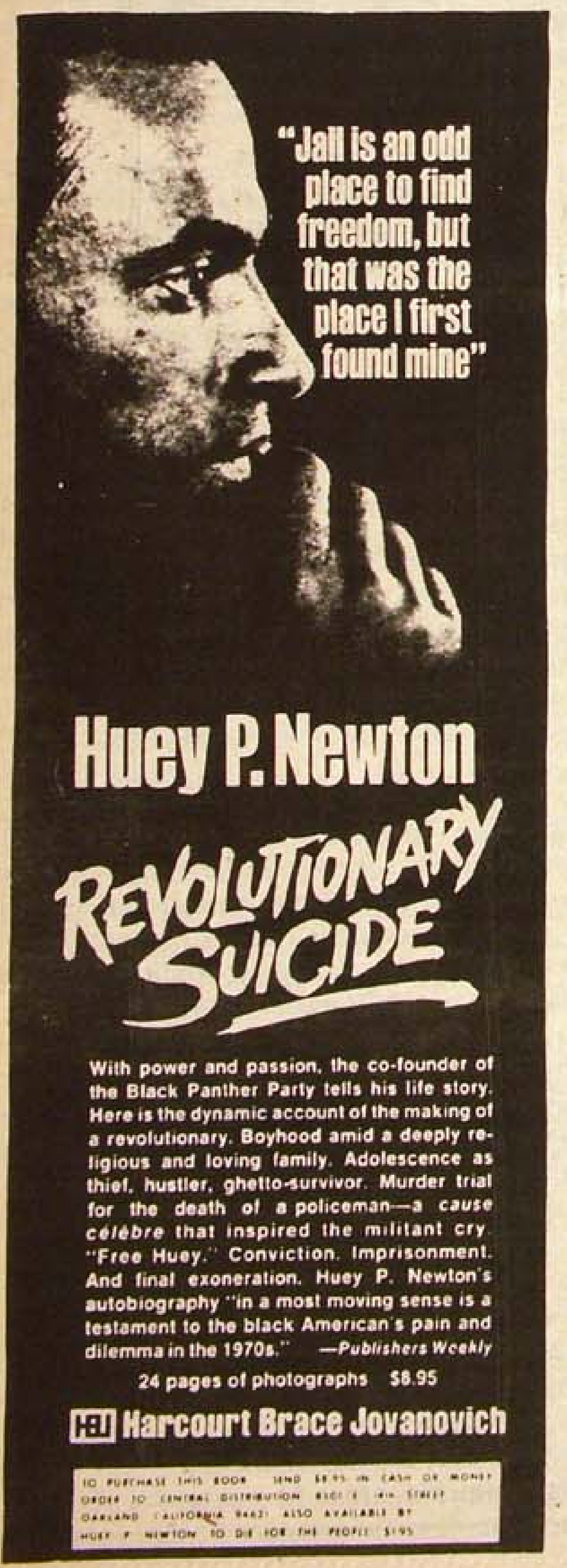
IN SEARCH OF COMMON GROUND

CONVERSATION WITH ERIK H. ERIKSON AND HUEY P. NEWTON

In Search of Common Ground *is a record of a conversation in early 1971 between two men of divergent ideological, political and personal backgrounds, Huey P. Newton, leader and chief theoretician of the Black Panther Party, and Erik H. Erikson, the distinguished seventy year old professor Emeritus of Human Development and Lecturer in Psychiatry at Harvard University.*

Part IV ends the preliminary statement by Huey which began the conversation, and begins the question-and-answer period in which he expands on the Black Panther Party's ideology, dialectical materialism, and his philosophy of Revolutionary Intercommunalism.

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Imperialism has laid the foundation for world communism, and imperialism itself has grown to the point of reactionary intercommunalism because the world is now integrated into one community. The communications revolution, combined with the expansive domination of the American empire, has created the "global village." The peoples of all cultures are under siege by the same forces and they all have access to the same technologies.

There are only differences in degree between what's happening to the Blacks here and what's happening to all of the people in the world, including Africans. Their needs are the same and their energy is the same. And the contradictions they suffer will only be resolved when people establish a revolutionary intercommunalism where they share all the wealth that they produce and live in one world.

The stage of history is set for such a transformation: the technological and administrative base of socialism exists. When the people seize the means of production and all social institutions, then there will be a qualitative leap and a change in the organization of society. It will take time to resolve the contradictions of racism and all kinds of chauvinism; but because the people will control their own social institutions, they will be free to re-create themselves and to establish communism, a stage of human development in which human values will shape the structures of society. At this time the world will be ready for a still higher level, of which we can now know nothing.

I'm through with my talk.

QUESTION: I'm wondering: now that you have established an ideology with which to view the kind of imperialism going on in the United States, what do you do once the revolution has taken place? What happens once you have taken over the structures made by capitalism and have assumed responsibility for them? Aren't you going to encounter the same struggles between the dominant forms of government and the inferior?

6th ANNIVERSARY

October 15,1973, marked the Sixth Anniversary of the founding of THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY.

Despite the great harassment, jailings and brutality inflicted upon members of our party and the vicious murders of some of them, we take great pride in congratulating the Black and oppressed communities across the country for sustaining us the six long years.

We continue to struggle.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE

NEWTON: It's not going to be the same because nothing remains the same. All things are in a constant state of transformation, and therefore you will have other contradictions inherent in that new phenomenon. We can be very sure that there will be contradictions after revolutionary intercommunalism is the order of the day, and we can even be sure that there will be contradictions after communism, which is an even higher stage than revolutionary intercommunalism. There will always be contradictions or else everything would stop. So it's not a question of "when the revolution comes": the revolution is always going on. It's not a question of "when the revolution is going to be": the revolution is going on every day, every minute, because the new is always struggling against the old for dominance.

We also say that every determination is a limitation, and every limitation is a determination. This is the struggle of the old and new again, where a thing seems to negate itself. For instance, imperialism negates itself after laying the foundation for communism, and communism will eventually negate itself because of its internal contradictions, and then we'll move to an even higher state. I like to think that we will finally move to a stage called "godliness," where man will know the secrets of the beginning and the end and will have full control of the universe - and when I say the universe, I mean all motion and matter. This is only speculation, of course, because science has not delivered us the answer yet; but we believe that it will in the future.

So of course there will be contradictions in the future. But some contradictions are antagonistic and some contradictions are not antagonistic. Usually when we speak of antagonistic contradictions, we are talking about contradictions that develop from conflicts of economic interest, and we assume that in the future, when the people have power, these antagonistic contradictions will occur less and less.

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OPERATION GEMSTONE: "THE GREAT WATERGATE CONSPIRACY"

FLIGHT 553: THE WATERGATE MURDER ? by Barboura Morris Freed

United Airlines Flight 553 never arrived at Chicago's Midway Airport. Instead, in an incredible series of mistakes and equipment malfunctions, the huge jetliner stalled while in mid-air and crashed; 44 passengers and crew were killed.

Among those who boarded Flight 553 before its final take-off in Washington, D.C. were Mrs. Howard Hunt, wife of Northern Natural Gas Company in Omaha, Nebraska, bound home, fresh from attempting to blackmail the former Attorney General of the United States, John Mitchell. Coincidentally, also on board was a group of officials from ex - CIA, White House agent, E. Howard Hunt. In her possession was $10,000 in cash and $2 million securities, "hush money" to keep her husband's Watergate co-conspirators quiet. She also carried papers whose content could "impeach the President ten times over".

In this week's excerpt from "Operation Gemstone: The Great Watergate conspiracy", C.R.I.C. (Citizens Research and Investigating Committee) details never before published information surrounding fated Flight 553. The unusual intervention of the F.B.I. at the scene of the crash was unprecedented and, until recently, staunchly denied. So many federal investigators were on hand, and so quickly, that, to eyewitnesses, it seemed they were waiting.



As if they had been waiting, over 50 plainclothes F.B.I. agents [like those shown above] and even more "F.B.I.-types", swarmed around the fatal crash of Flight 553--in clear and direct violation of U.S. laws.

Inside the 737, some of those survivors who were seated toward the front or center were able to move early enough to escape through the gaping rent in the fuselage, dizzily stumbling over bodies, out onto the right wing and then down to the ground. A wall of flame was quickly eating its way back into the plane from the front.

In the rear of the plane, two stewardesses and the narcotics agent had jerked open one door and met flames. They found the opposite one jammed but managed somehow to force it open. Some passengers jumped out over the yawning basement hole below before the stewardess could release the air bag which inflated into a partial platform. These people were immediately met by "police".

In these and other first minutes accounts, survivors and neighborhood residents gave consistent testimony to the almost immediate materialization of "police", using the easiest and most practical synonym for plainclothes official strangers.

A remarkable and very unofficial Chicago based investigative body, the Citizens Committee to Clean Up the Courts (C.C.C.C.), stated that just after the "air disaster", 200 Federal Bureau of Investigation (F.B.I.) and Defense Intelligence Agency (D.I.A.) operatives, all refusing to show their credentials, had flooded in and taken over the crash site. This charge was dismissed out of hand, but witnesses living in the crash zone told of "F.B.I. types" parked on side streets in unmarked cars, and others arriving almost coincident with the event before the Fire Department. The Fire Department had responded to a "3-11" call within 1 minute of the crash.

INNUMERABLE QUESTIONS

Not until June 17, 1973, 6 months later, when Chairman John Reed of the National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B., the government body entrusted with investigational priority in all such disasters) finally told the House Government Activities Subcommittee, headed by Jack Brooks, Democratic congressman from Texas, that he himself had sent a letter to William Ruckelshaus at the F.B.I. containing the following statements, did a patrial truth become public and official knowledge.

Dear Mr. Ruckelshaus: As you may know, the National Transportation Safety Board is currently investigating the aircraft accident of the United Airlines Boeing 737, at Midway Airport, Chicago, on December 8, 1972. Our investigative team assigned to this accident discovered on the day following the accident that several FBI agents had taken a number of non-typical actions relating to this accident within the first few hours following the accident.

Included were: *for the first time in the memory of our staff* an FBI agent went to the control tower and listened to the tower tapes before our investigators had done so; and *for the first time to our knowledge* in connection with an aircraft accident, an FBI agent interviewed witnesses to the crash, including flight attendants on the aircraft prior to the NTSB interviews. As I am sure you can understand, these actions, particularly with respect to this flight on which Mrs. E. Howard Hunt was killed, have raised *innumerable questions* in the minds of those with legitimate interests in ascertaining the cause of this accident..." (Emphasis added.)

The F.B.I., confronted, dropped their story of "twelve agents" and admitted to the higher number but never explained the speed of their execution. The closest F.B.I. office is 40 minutes from the crash site and there are *never* 50 agents available at once without warning. It is traditional that F.B.I. agents are not allowed to congregate in offices waiting for calls, but must stay active, dispersed in the field. Local authorites and police were no more than half a minute away. Upon their arrival, the already present F.B.I. did not seek their cooperation for investigation, but used them



E. HOWARD HUNT, ex-CIA and White House agent, is now a convicted Watergate conspirator.

instead simply for transportation and traffic problems.

The F.B.I.'s immediate appearance in such large numbers was unheard of, as well as their subsequent behavior. One F.B.I. agent proceeded into Midway's control tower and confiscated the tape containing information relating to flight 553, no permission asked. The F.B.I. did this before the National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.) could act -- a unique and illegal intervention. At the disaster site the F.B.I. kept a medical team out of plane proximity, although a member of the team swore he heard someone in the crash screaming. The F.B.I. had persons least injured removed from the crash site first, contrary to all established policy of speeding those most injured on their way to medical aid. The agents stripped the dead of all belongings and identification--an amazing act. They swept through the plane's twisted aisles and compartments, taking all their confiscated findings to a destination other than the hospitals and the morgue. Only F.B.I. interrogations and searches went on, and they were completed within twenty hours of the crash, by 11:30 a.m. Saturday morning, December 9. Former F.B.I. agents contend that only a "hijacking in progress" call or an arrest of a number of heavily armed suspects would explain the premature and massive presence of the Bureau at Midway. But if that had been the case, then both the 553 flight deck and Midway would have known or been informed of the F.B.I.'s presence.

Federal Aviation Administration (F.A.A.) officials were early on the scene, though cut out of investigative priority by the F.B.I. Other investigative bodies would be sent from Washington late Friday night, December 8. A team from the capitol - based National Transportation Safety Board (N.T.S.B.) headed by William A. Haley was being sent out to Chicago. The team included experts on aircraft engines, air frames, electrical and hydraulic systems, flight operations, interrogation of witnesses, air traffic control, meteorology, and human factors, all studies that might have contributed to the crash. A spokesman said they would require autopsies on the three dead crew members, and that determination of "cause of crash" could take as long as a month, and that their investigation at the scene, starting Saturday morning, December 9, would possibly last 5 days.

A spokesman from the N.T.S.B. announced that survivors including airline personnel were free to discuss the crash. Simultaneously United Airlines prohibited its employees from talking and refused to release information or even to disclose the home addresses of its crew members.

It was announced that a special disaster team of four F.B.I. agents were being flown in from Washington to help identify the dead. Twelve Chicago detectives would be assigned to assist. Was this a fact? Were four more needed? Did they come? Now over the smoking ruin of United Airline's flight 553, sundry and varied invesitgations would begin to converge. The only thing to remain flying would be the allegations.

E. Howard Hunt says that he was sitting at his typewriter making the final changes in his new novel that his wife had suggested, when his son entered and told him of the news of the crash.

Late that Friday night, Hunt said he "flew to arrange for his wife's funeral", and then "returned home". Even the simpler reportage on Hunt's time of flight sojourn and destination would be 2 days delayed. *The New York Times* gave no time in their December 10, accident reportage that confirmed Hunt's late Friday, flight time in their December 11, Monday, newspaper. *The Washington Post* would report Hunt's flight as taking place on Saturday in their Sunday paper.

The 737 had vanished from Midway's tower radar at 2:28 p.m. Central Time according to an F.A.A. official and had crashed at 2:29 p.m., when all clocks in that area stopped. From 2:30 p.m. until the next morning of December 9, the F.B.I. was in complete charge for the first time in air crash history. But never did they act as news spokesmen for any facts regarding 553's crash.

Under the "Friendly Skys of United" the Fire Department, within a minute, had deployed 30 pieces of equipment to the scene and now the big hoses pumped arching columns of frothing water into the burning houses and the plane's smoking mass. Men, under the direction of the F.B.I., were digging into the wreckage.

Police were desperately attempting to deal with the problems of an hourly increasing traffic jam.

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IMPEACH NIXON!

(Washington, D.C.) - Has Richard Nixon gone mad? How much longer are the American people going to allow him to wreck havoc with the rule of law in America? The American Revolution, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights did away with the Divine Right of Kings in this country 300 years ago.

Nixon's refusal to accept the ruling of the U.S. Court of Appeals that he surrender the Watergate tapes and documents and his "order" to special prosecutor Archibald Cox to drop the case are sufficient grounds for immediate impeachment. His firing of Cox, Deputy Attorney General William Ruckelshaus and the forced resignation of Attorney General Elliot Richardson for their failure to obey his orders makes impeachment an imperative.

His use of "executive privilege" to prevent the tapes from being heard and the documents from being seen clearly implicates him in the Watergate cover-up. It no longer matters what is on those tapes or in these documents. His actions are clearly obstructing the course of justice, and consequently subject to criminal prosecution.

In the eyes and hearts of millions of Americans, Richard Nixon has ceased to be this country's Head of State. It remains for the Congress to immediately begin impeachment proceedings, opening the way for the emergence of leadership in the White House in which the American people can have some confidence.



United through their union, the Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association, Black and White Mississippi woodcutters are striking for better wages and improved conditions.

WOODCUTTERS

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a drive to sign up hundreds of new members and new locals are chartered daily.

If the woodcutters can hold out, they will win. However, the GPA is not a large established union with a huge strike fund. They face a serious threat of starvation if the strike is drawn out. However, if they can continue to eat, pay their medical bills, rent and utilities, they will win.

The strikers need contributions of money and food for their strike fund and pressure put on the paper companies in the form of a widespread boycott of certain consumer products. The public is urged not to buy the following products while the strike is in progress: a product of the American Can Company, "Dixie" paper cups, plates and picnic supplies; Northern and Aurora toilet paper; Northern and Gala paper towels: Waxtex waxed paper; and Butterick patterns for clothes.

From the Scott Paper Company don't buy Scott toilet tissues including Waldorf and Soft-Weve ; Scott paper towels, including Viva ; Confidets sanitary napkins; Cut-Rite wax paper and bags; Scott napkins including Viva ; and all other Scott products. Also do not buy St. Regis school supplies and stationery.

Money and food may be sent to Fred Walters, President, Gulfcoast Pulpwood Association/ P.O.Box 53/ Eastabuchie, Miss. 39436.

"POPEYE" JACKSON

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work that the U.P.U. was doing with prison inmates and ex-prisoners and also because the police felt that it was a front for Venceremos.

Ms. Vodquen testified at a pre-trial hearing that two weeks prior to Brother Jackson's arrest she had been told by police that "Mr. Jackson was the number one man they wanted to get" and he was being "set up for an arrest". She also stated that during the time she was an agent, she obtained a key to the U.P.U. office. She then had access to anything in the office including addresses of prisoners in the union and Brother Jackson's address book. Ms. Vodquen also admitted borrowing Brother Jackson's car and taking it to the police station to be searched. She said Mr. Jackson had been under 24-hour surveillance.

The San Francisco Police Department originally denied having any knowledge of Ms. Vodquen's activies. However, later that same day Police Chief Donald Scott issued a statement, which was read at a press conference, admitting they were aware she was working for the police department as an agent.

Wilbert "Popeye" Jackson has a history of serving the people. He is a member of the Venceremos Brigade, the Western Addition Project Alliance Committee, and the Mission Coalition Organization. He has worked as Youth Director for the Seven Steps, as drug counselor with Reality House in San Francisco, and on the Drug Research Program. He spent 19 years of his life in the California Prison System. Brother Jackson has been framed by the unjust penal system just as countless other brothers and sisters have.

The U.P.U., which Brother Jackson heads, is a non-profit mass organization open to all outside of prison walls and a multi-racial union for prisoners inside. The organization is trying to achieve unity among all people who are strugging for freedom. It attempts to abolish the main weapons used against prisoners. These weapons include the Adult Authority with its indeterminate sentence and the guard - instigated racism which divides prisoners.

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by Johnson and Johnson. The U.S. Army paid $25 to $50 each to 300 prisoners who volunteered to be injected with staph, fungus, pseudomonas and ringworm infection which may cause fatal skin infections.

Representative Dare Richardson of Philadelphia, agreed with the testimony of prison inmate James Jenkins who describes several inmates on "F" block, who were once "sharp dudes" as being "completely out of it" following "therapeutic sedation". Rep. Richardson said, "a man I grew up with was there and his mind was out of it". Cell block "F" houses Holmesburg's "troublesome" prison inmates. The symptoms that Jenkins and Richardson describe are the same as those seen in victims of psychosurgery operations, which are being considered by many prison administrators across the country to butcher the minds of rebellious prisoners and "cure" their violence.

Other testimony asserted that prison conditions are miserable and that guards have no concern for the prisoners. A Philadelphia court has already ruled that prison conditions at Holmesburg constitute "cruel and unusual punishment". The city has not changed any of the conditions since then but has initiated a plea to have the court's decision overruled.

PRISONS OBSOLETE

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legislature passed the bill and local authorities have no reasonable excuse to demand a repeal.

Under the new "modifications", no education plan for prison inmates is required, visiting time is reduced, and the U.S. Constitution's guaranteed right to "due process of law" is still not a requisite.

Speaking in Denver, Colo., at a national conference of Volunteers in Probation, Vernon Jordan called for greater use of "community-based alternatives to prison" and urged poor and oppressed communities to "take the initiative in creating viable neighborhood institutions and programs to fight crimes". Mr. Jordan was also highly critical of the country's police departments. He called for a "recasting" of police forces and "better internal management with a stress on community relations".

The LEAA's commission called for the fullest possible civil rights for prisoners, co-educational prisons, no detention for juveniles, minority group staffing of corrections facilities and the end to uniforms, weapons, military titles and "regimented behavior" inside of institutions.

MID-EAST WAR : NIXON'S NEW VIETNAM?

The dispatch of U.S. military personnel to Israel is the first step toward Nixon Administration escalation of the Middle East war. Another Vietnam in the making. Only the courageous and determined opposition of the American people will prevent this disaster.

The American people have had enough of foreign wars of aggression against peoples striving for justice and an end to tyranny. They must refuse to allow their youth to be sent to die or be maimed so that Standard Oil, Gulf and ARAMCO are left free to continue the ruthless exploitation of the natural resources and labor of the Arab people.

Black Americans must refuse to take up arms against their African brothers of Egypt, Sudan and Uganda, who are fighting in Sinai. White Americans must resist the call to support Zionist aggression and expansion against the Palestinian and Arab peoples.

Reports of moves by the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. for a ceasefire in the Middle East can hardly be very hopeful with Nixon demanding of the Congress $2 billion, $200 million in financial aid to Israel. Such a move by Congress will only prolong the conflict and contribute to its escalation.

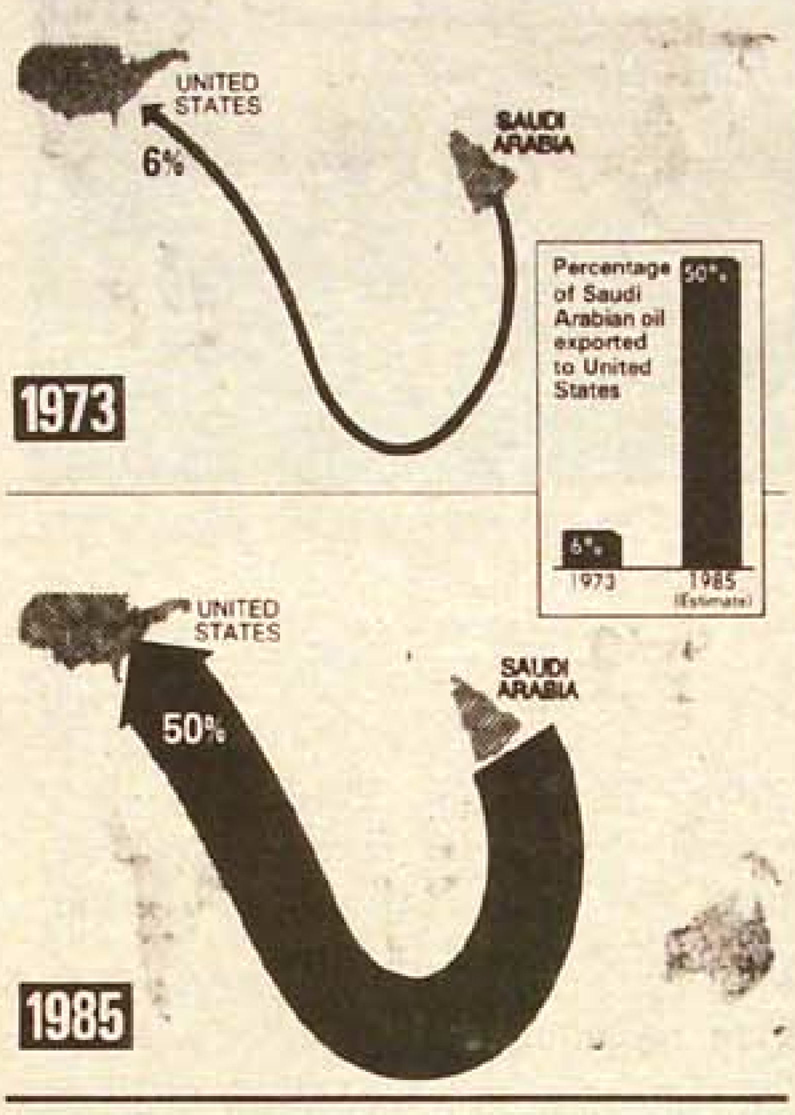
COUNTRY OF ISRAEL

The country of Israel is not under attack. The war is being fought on Egyptian and Syrian territory for the return of that territory to Egypt and Syria. At least at this writing no Israeli territory has suffered the ravages of this war.

President Anwar Sadat of Egypt has stated clearly that it is not Egypt or Syria's intention to annihilate Israel. Israel's security, within the borders that existed in June, 1967, is not under threat by the governments of Egypt or Syria. Only if Israel persists in its effort to hold on to Egyptian, Syrian and Jordanian territory seized in June 1967, is Israel's security in danger. The Nixon Administration moves to escalate the war contribute to that danger.

The sending of U.S. military personnel, war materials and financial aid strengthens Israel's ability to hold on to Arab lands, in violation of United Nations Security Council Resolution #242, on November 22, 1972. That resolution, accepted by the Arab governments but rejected by Israel, demand among other things the withdrawal of Israeli occupation troops from all Arab lands seized in June, 1967.

Projected increase of oil exports from Saudi Arabia to U.S.



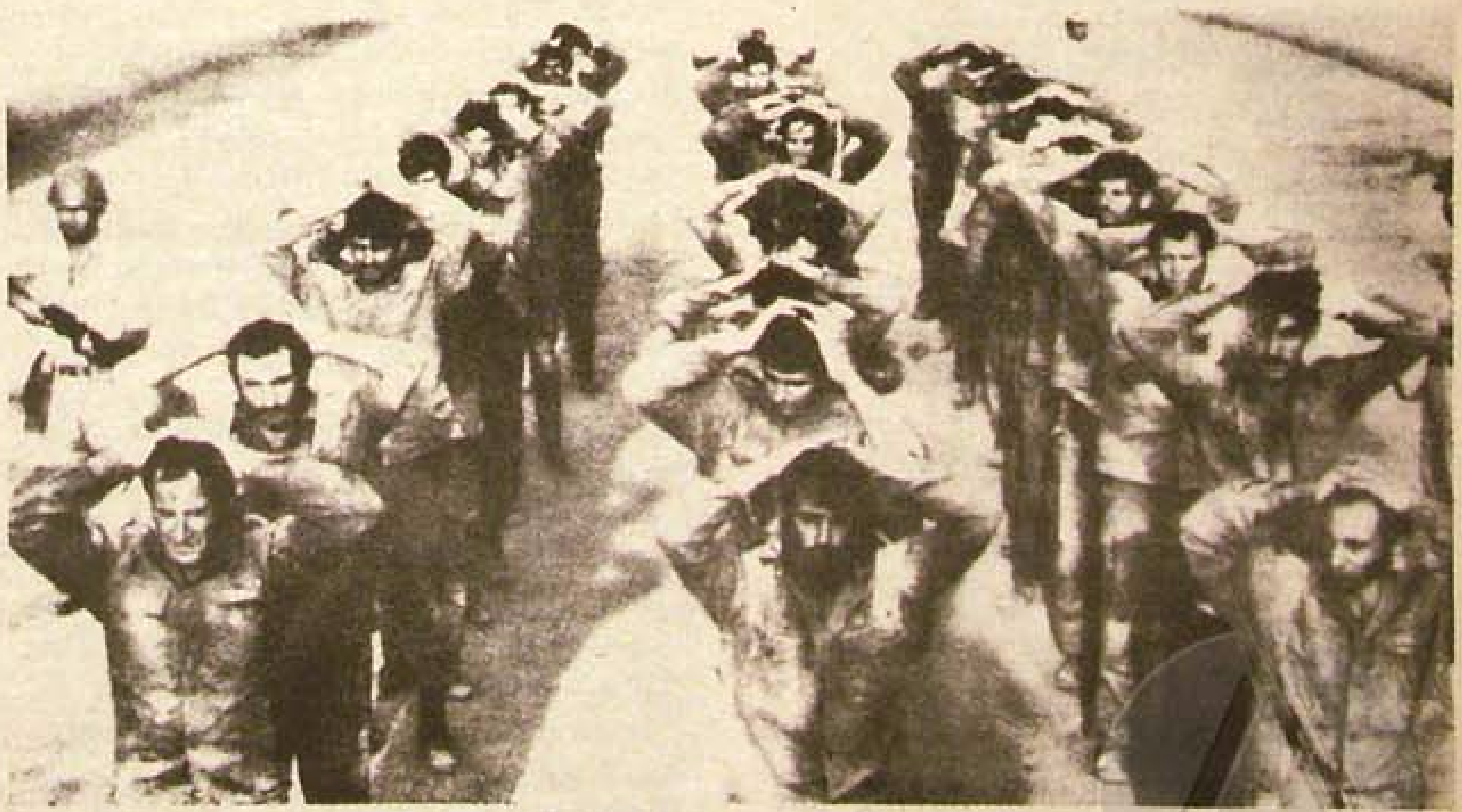
By 1985 the United States will be consuming [illegible] million barrels of oil a day. Oil analysts say at least one-fifth of that need will be met by oil from Saudi Arabia — if that country decides to sell half its output to the U.S. However, the pressures on King Faisal and his family government to use the oil for political ends are immense. At present the U.S. imports only [illegible] barrels of Saudi oil a day. But if King Faisal gives in to Arab demands to cut off the supply to the U.S., it could mean less winter oil for an already oil-scarce United States.

Five African countries, Tanzania, Zaire (formerly Congo Kinshasa), Togoland, Cameroon and Dahomey, have withdrawn recognition and broken relations with Israel since the eruption of fighting on October 6. This action was taken in protest against the Israeli aggression against Egypt, a member of the Organization of African Unity. Rwanda and Upper Volta earlier announced their intention to cut relations with Israel. These seven are added to the north African states and Mauritania and Sudan that have never had relations with Israel, and eleven other African states that have severed relations with Israel over the past 19 months.

Uganda President Idi Amin has sent a contingent of Ugandan troops to fight along side Egyptian and Syrian troops, and himself visited Cairo to see to their disposition. He has also told the U.S. representative in Kampala, Uganda's capital, that Uganda will jail all Americans in Uganda if the U.S. intervenes in the Middle East war.

Since the outbreak of the war, the U.S. dollar has plummeted in value on the international money markets. Rich Middle East oil producing countries are getting rid of their dollar reserves and replacing them with English pounds sterling. This move will become widespread as the war in the Middle East escalates, seriously endangering the U.S. economy and bringing on the most devastating depression in U.S. history. Prior to the outbreak of the fighting, many economists predicted a major depression for the U.S.A.

The situation is grave. The crumbling Nixon regime in Washington, using the police state methods it has shown itself capable and willing to employ, can use this war to drive the country to fascism. Only the people's resistance will save this country from that imminent danger.



Scores of Israeli soldiers were captured and disarmed during the Egyptian advance across the Sinai peninsula.

RHODESIAN PRESS FRIES AGNEW

U.S. AUTHORITIES "COMPOUNDING A FELONY"

(Salisbury, Rhodesia) - Charles Berkeley, chief court reporter of The Rhodesia Herald, *organ of the racist, minority regime of Ian Smith in Zimbabwe, reported the following comments on Spiro Agnew's resignation:*

"The American authorities appear to be compounding a felony or felonies over Spiro Agnew's resignation, a Salisbury lawyer said yesterday. He told me he was certain it was right for Mr. Agnew to go, but equally, that the law should have been allowed to take its course in investigating any criminal charges the former Vice-President might have to meet.

" 'I cannot see this happening here or in Britain', he said. 'Mr. Agnew appears to have been absolved from further court action by a collusive agreement which smacks of the crime of compounding a felony'.

". . . Another lawyer, with a special interest in constitutional law, told me: 'It would seem that this Vice-President of the U.S. has been allowed in a sense, to take on the old monarchial idea of the divine right of kings - - that he is above man-made laws; or at least his government and masters have allowed him to do so, which suggests that the President has such powers to dispense with legal processes.

" 'How Mr. Agnew could at one instant . . . vehemently be defending himself against all allegations and then, a few days later, resign after admitting his guilt in a serious income tax evasion, is beyond belief. It is reminiscent of the days when



Former Vice President SPIRO AGNEW. Mr. "Law and Order" turned out to be a big crook.

big American gangsters like Al Capone, could only be sent to goal (jail) on income tax evasion counts and not in respect of their other activities. In those cases, however, there was no government collusion, only lack of evidence.

" 'If I read the present reports correctly there now appears the startling statement by Mr. Agnew that had he not reached an agreement with his government and had been indicted on these extra counts, the case would have dragged on for two or three years.

" 'Then follows the equally amazing statement that there would have been intense media interest in his case, which would distract public attention from other matters of national importance.

" 'Might one ask what is more important, in the national interest of any country, big or small, than that the normal process of law should be carried out?. . .

" 'I am sure that lawyers, jurists and the public will be appalled at this collusive deal. The question will be asked whether the law will now be set aside because of a man's position in government, and dependent on what deal is made or suggested to him should be made, in the so-called national interest.

" 'What has happened in America is medieval and puts the clock back hundreds of years. And it has happened in a republican democracy and not in a monarchy . . . That America has chosen to add further calumny to the officers surrounding the President is deplorable at this time. Now collusion has been added which gives a high official immunity by will of the Executive and the stamp of approval in a court of law...' "

SUSPEND ALL SENTENCES

I am a White, disabled war veteran -- World War II -- 55 years old, who, for a living, pushes a trash cart in a Seattle department store. For better or worse please consider the justice of the following two-way proposition:

(1) Let's be nice to Mr. Agnew and let him off with a three year suspended sentence, BUT,

(2) Let's also suspend the sentences, and let out of jail every Black, every Indian, every Chicano and every poor White, each of who are less of a criminal than Spiro Agnew!

Sincerely,
Paul H. Dunbar
Seattle, Washington

Africa In Focus

DROUGHT-STRICKEN AREA

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology at Cambridge, Mass., has received a $968,000 grant from the United States Agency for International Development (AID) to conduct a study of long-range development for the six drought-stricken countries in West Africa. The nations are Chad, Niger, Upper Volta, Mali, Mauritania and Senegal.

REP. OF GUINEA-BISSAU

Fifty-nine countries of the world have recognized the new Republic of Guinea-Bissau, as of this writing. In addition moves are underway for securing a United Nations seat for West Africa's newest independent country. Despite this, Poruguese officials have insisted upon ignoring the proclamation of independence of Guinea-Bissau and term the move merely "a publicity stunt".

SOUTH AFRICA

The Special United Nations Committee on Apartheid urged recently that the Security Council determine that the situation in South Africa threatens peace and take decisive steps to enforce the arms embargo against South Africa. Meanwhile, in Torremolinos, Spain, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) voted to exclude South Africa and Portugal from all its meetings.

NAMIBIA

At least 5,000 persons are now under arrest in Namibia (South-west Africa) as a result of the overwhelmingly successful boycott of the phoney elections called by South Africa in Namibia last month. The Southwest African People's Organization (SWAPO) boycott action resulted in a mere one per cent of the African population going to the polls. The severly embarrassed administration in Namibia has greatly stepped up its repression of SWAPO militants. SWAPO has responded by calling for a general strike throughout Namibia until the following demands are met: the abolition of mandatory identification papers; an end to the contract-labor system; liberation of political prisoners and immediate independence for Namibia.

The Rhodesian parliament recently adopted a law that calls for the death penalty or sentences of life imprisonment to anyone the racist courts convict of sheltering guerrillas or failing to turn them in to authorities.

THE GLASS HOUSE TAPES

BY THE C.R.I.C. AND LOUIS E. TACKWOOD

The Glass House Tapes, *exposes America's secret police methods through the confession of Louis E. Tackwood, a Black ex-agent. In this excerpt from the recently published book, by Tackwood and the Citizens Investigation Research Committee, the ex-agent reveals early plans he was to have been a part of at the 1972 Republican Convention, then scheduled for San Dieg. California. As the Watergate investigations have shown these included provoked riots, bombings and the creation a national state of emergency.*

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Sometime in September, Tackwood indicated he was being prepared for a new assignment, "Squad 19." He said it involved a coordinated contingency plan under the joint direction of the F.B.I. and C.C.S. A steering committee had been set up, he said, with Edward Birch of the F.B.I. and Sgt. Daniel Mahoney of C.C.S. as liaison officers in planning and coordination. There was more but he could not let it out yet, he said.

AGENTS-PROVOCATEURS

The plan entailed planting a number of agents-provocateurs both inside and outside the 1972 Republican Convention in San Diego. Agents were to infiltrate the groups planning demonstrations against the war and poverty. At the time of the demonstrations these agents were to provoke street battles with the police surrounding the convention hall; meanwhile, agents inside the convention hall were to have planted explosives, timed to blow up simultaneously with the "riot in the streets." The result, he claimed, would be to create a nation-wide hysteria that would then provide President Richard M. Nixon with the popular support necessary to declare a state of national emergency; the government could then arrest all "radicals," "militants," and "left - wing revolutionaries."

Duggan and Katz were stunned with disbelief. American history was filled with bloodshed and wholesale roundups of militants, presidents had even been assassinated; yet never had the American "ruling class" had the audacity to kill members of their own kind to achieve the elimination of their opposition. Furthermore, it seemed incredible that Tackwood would be included in such a bizarre plot this far in advance of the Republican Convention. The story was too fantastic. Tackwood, though, was willing to remain on the "Squad," until the very moment that the explosives were to go off, and then expose the entire scheme to the press. He would record all progress and plans. No compensation or guarantees were demanded by him. The arrangement was acceptable to both sides. They would protect his identity and he would protect them against any entrapment. No one could afford to ignore the opportunity to view the working of the secret political police of the country from such a vantage point.

On September 15, Tackwood called and said, "I got the plans for San Diego. I'll bring them to your place at six o'clock tonight."

Duggan put the phone down. He could not believe what he had heard. All the trust so carefully developed over the months suddenly evaporated. This was clearly an entrapment. No one in his right mind would use what must be a tapped phone and announce possession of the plans to blow up the Republican Convention and his intentions of delivering them. He had to see Joan and Dan at once to swear out an affidavit declaring his suspicions that C.C.S., through their agent Louis Tackwood, was getting ready to bust him on a charge of receiving stolen documents, or worse.

The affidavit was drawn up at the *Sinister* office with Dan Lund's help within an hour of the phone call.

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SENSELESS WAR

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"This however cannot be achieved unless it is founded on the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and the scrupulous implementation of Security Council resolutions on the Middle East.

"Should Israel persist in her present policy which denies the sovereignty of another nation, her own existence will be at stake. It is, therefore, in Israel's interest to cease hostilities and start talks for the implementation of the November, 1967, Security Council resolution which called for withdrawal of Israelis from territories occupied in the June, 1967 war.

". . .The world should strive to avoid the outbreak of a worse conflict in the Middle East. Such a flare-up would obviously involve outside powers in a test of strength. History has so often shown that intervention by third parties (particularly when the third parties are very powerful) does not favor the states most directly engaged in the conflict nor does it favor the cause of peace."



Ex-agent provocateur LOUIS E. TACKWOOD.

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yor. Massell used much of the same demagogy and scare tactics that Mayor John Reading used against Bobby Seale in the May, 1973, mayoral election. Similar tactics were employed by former Los Angeles mayor Sam Yorty in 1969 against Tom Bradley. However, in Atlanta these tactics back-fired the second time.

In the race for president of the city council (formerly the office of vice-mayor) Black civil rights activist Hosea Williams was defeated by White moderate Wyche Fowler. THE BLACK PANTHER congratulates the people of Atlanta for voting into office candidates more representative of the city's population. The Atlanta election results are a victory not only for the people of Atlanta, but an advancement for people's politics in the South and throughout the country.

PORTUGUESE TROPHY

The Anti- Apartheid News of Britain writes: It is widely known in Portugal that one of the favorite trophies collected by Portuguese troops is a Black guerrilla's ear -- a gruesome allusion to the bullfighters traditional prize. The ears are kept in alcohol flasks as a souvenir of war in the tropics. Almost every Portuguese has a relative or friend who would rather not talk about 'such things'.

SCHOOL STRIKE

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ther Party's role in achieving the settlement, as well as the administration's treachery and "backstabbing" which disqualified the AFT from representing their instructional assistants.

"I come to the board today with a knife in my back, placed there by Dr. Foster", Brother William Roberts, a member of the Black Panther Party, remarked to the startled audience. Continuing, William, told of his, and Ms. Elaine Brown's weekend negotiations with community leaders, the AFT and the OEA; achieving a remarkable degree of success, as displayed by the forceful, statement issued by the OEA. He and Elaine had come to a Monday morning meeting with Marcus Foster, the district's superintendant and unchallenged demogogue, with hopes high and "with good intentions". Once there, they found, in William's words "no honest attempt by the board to provide bargaining representation for the instructional assistants". Foster, in fact had lied. He had not placed the AFT request to represent the instructional assistants on the school board meeting's agenda. The instructional assistants would be left out in the cold when the non-teaching employee's negotiations were held. Their representatives would be appointed by the administration.

The other highlight of the Tuesday meeting came when Ms. Vera Means Silverman, community activist and parent, protested the recent distribution and forced use of identification (I.D.) cards at Castlemont Junior High School. (Early this week Ms. Means' children were sent home wearing them.) Despite repeated denials by Supt. Foster that no police-in-schools plan exists, evidence like the I.D. cards, with their required thumb print, prove otherwise.

LONNIE McLUCAS RELEASED

(Montville, Conn.) - Lonnie McLucas, convicted in 1970 in a political frame-up trial in New Haven, Connecticut, involving the fatal shooting of Black Panther Party member Alex Rackley, was released from Montville Correctional Center last week.

McLucas' release was the result of a court hearing which lowered his bond from $35,000 to $15,000. Friends raised the bail money. McLucas' conviction is still in the appeal stages and he still faces the possibility of losing his appeal and returning to a state jail.

DEDICATION

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Williams, pastor of San Francisco's swinging and progressive Glide Memorial Church. Rev. Williams enthusiastically welcomed the emergence in the East Bay of the Son of Man Temple and pledged his help and assistance in its work.

Ericka Huggins, herself a mother, read selections of her moving poetry about our children and their future. Bishop Ha'qq of the One Mind Temple Evolutionary Church of Christ in San Francisco, led the congregation in a prayer of physical as well as spiritual liberation and thanksgiving. The Polytechnic Inspirational Choir, also of San Francisco, raised spirits higher with rousing gospel songs of priase. The High Tide Harris blues band and the Bishop Norman Williams Quintet provided spirited and soulful music.

Awe-struck looks were observed and repeated expressions of disbelief heard as groups were conducted on tours of the 25 classrooms, the library, the child care center, the dining room and kitchen, the enclosed courtyard, and outside playground of this strikingly beautiful facility.

Many signed up to receive services from the community survival programs, each of which was represented by a table stacked with literature and manned by knowledgable young workers who help administer the programs.

It was late afternoon before the celebrants reluctantly began to leave. It had been a joyous occasion; a time for feeling confident that the children of East Oakland have an alternative to the racist, misadministered and irrelevant public schools of this city; that Black and poor communities across the land have a model and an example to follow; a time for glorying in the emergence of a Center and a Temple that belongs to the community, dedicated to the community's survival.

"A look into the future", of what all humankind desires, deserves and one day shall have.

ENTERTAINMENT & SPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS OAKLAND A's

(Oakland, Calif.) - In a World Series marred by the malicious antics of A's owner Charles Finley, "the best in the West", the Oakland A's, proved that they are, indeed, "the best in the land", and, with a strong and convincing finishing kick, defeated the New York Mets in seven games.

THE BLACK PANTHER extends its congratulations to the A's for winning this, their second World Series in a row.

The baseball season for 1973 is now over and Henry Aaron is just two homeruns shy of breaking Babe Ruth's record of 714. But, as everyone is saying, "Wait 'till next year!"

"FOUR WOMEN"-EXCITING, INVENTIVE, INSIGHTFUL THEATER

(Berkeley, Calif.) - *Four Women*, subtitled "Images of the Black Woman in monolog, poetry, song and dance", is exciting, inventive and insightful theater. Our most enthusiastic plaudits go to Sister Halifu (Janis Miller) who conceived and wrote *Four Women*, directed this production and performed a strikingly emotive solo dance number.

The cast of five sisters is tastefully and artfully supported and accompanied by six brothers on piano, flute, saxaphone, bass, congas and a variety of other percussion instruments. A bare stage is brought alive with the generally excellent acting, the imaginative direction and colorful costumes.

But it is the spoken word that dominates this evening of theater. The mood is set with appropriately scratchy recordings of Billie Holiday singing "Some Other Spring", followed by the bluesy "He's Got Me Going" of the incomparable Bessie Smith.

Views of ways this society has forced Black women to survive constitute the first half of *Four Women*. The play girl, "I loves to party . . . ", the streetwalker, "... . . lovin' is my game . . ." and the junkie, "I been down so long I got to look up at the ground...", tell it like it is with understanding, self-effacing honesty, humor and great energy.



"Four Women" brilliantly portrayed the struggle, joys and strengths of Black women in America

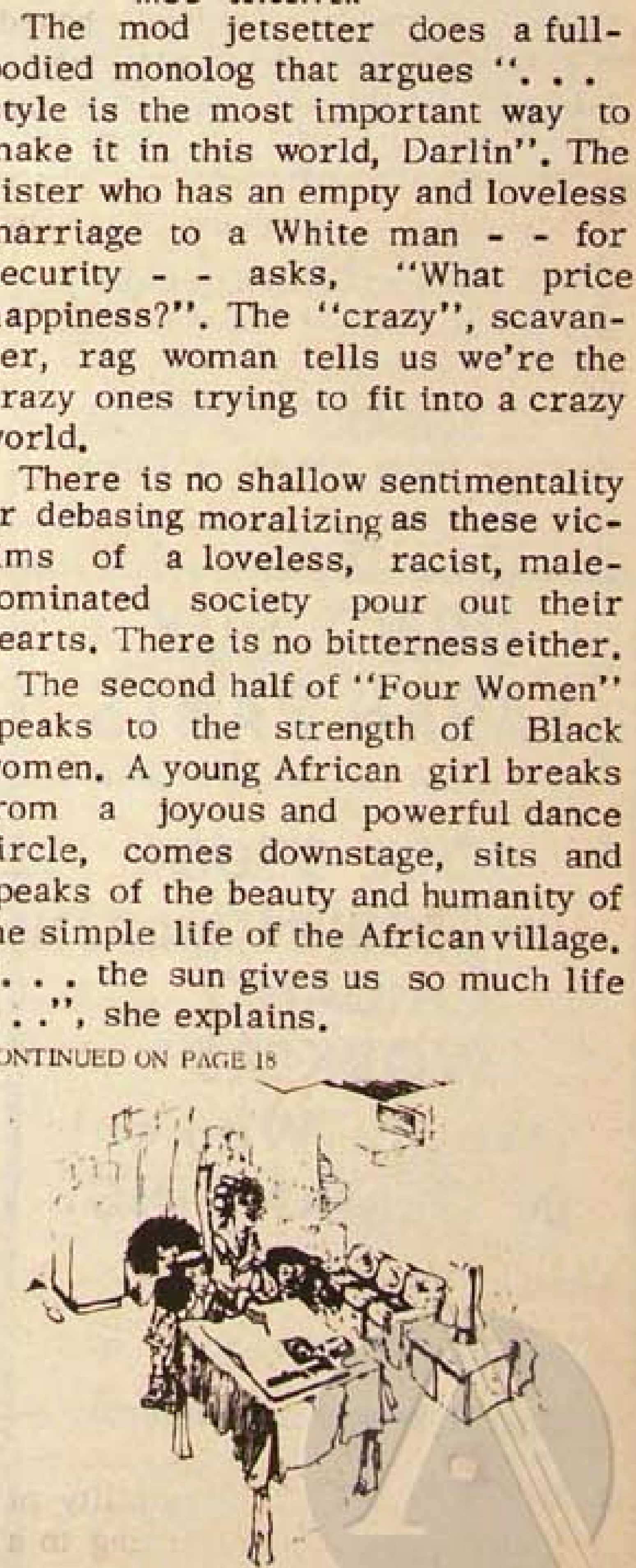
MOD JETSETTER

The mod jetsetter does a full-bodied monolog that argues ". . . style is the most important way to make it in this world, Darlin'". The sister who has an empty and loveless marriage to a White man - - for security - - asks, "What price happiness?". The "crazy", scavanger, rag woman tells us we're the crazy ones trying to fit into a crazy world.

There is no shallow sentimentality or debasing moralizing as these victims of a loveless, racist, male-dominated society pour out their hearts. There is no bitterness either.

The second half of "Four Women" speaks to the strength of Black women. A young African girl breaks from a joyous and powerful dance circle, comes downstage, sits and speaks of the beauty and humanity of the simple life of the African village. ". . . the sun gives us so much life . . .", she explains.

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"Hey, honey, look! It says here we're part of the middle class."

THE GLASS HOUSE TAPES

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Duggan then contacted a friend to set up a stakeout of the meeting place. He intended to meet Tackwood outside the house to avoid any search and destroy mission by C.C.S. agents. Marilyn was out of town; it was just as well to have her on the outside where she could do some good.

Tackwood failed to show. He had disappeared.

Later, Duggan would learn about Tackwood's apparent change of plans and about his quandary.

After hanging up the phone, Tackwood lit a cigarette, took a beer out of the refrigerator, and sat down to think about how he could best cover himself. If he gave Duggan everything he knew his usefulness to him might be over. If he didn't - well, he didn't know what to expect, Duggan knowing all that karate.

From the next room he could hear his wife Gwen arguing with her mother about when she and Louis would move out. Tackwood didn't want to hear it. The only time he got on with Gwen's mamma was when he brought her money or beer. "Doesn't matter," he thought as he shut the door to shut out the bickering, "we'll be splitting this place soon and once the book is written we won't have to come back - if they don't cross me."

The ringing of the phone jarred Tackwood from his thoughts.

"Tackwood?" It was Sgt. Stewart from C.C.S. and he didn't sound friendly.

"How ya doing, good buddy? What's going on? Shoot anybody lately?" Tackwood said, trying to feel him out.

"Look, I want to see you downtown in the morning - early."

"Sure. Watcha got? New job for me?"

"Just be down here."

"What's on that dude's mind, sounds like trouble," he thought as put down the receiver. There had been none of the usual shared jokes or comaraderie in that call. His fantasies about a "setup" seemed to have some reality. Maybe that was the reason Duggan was so jumpy-maybe Duggan was crossing him. There was no use in panicking, he decided. "I'll check it out in the morning."

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FOUR WOMEN

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The JuJu woman evokes ancestral roots with a chant that begins, "With me comes the voice of Mother Africa". A bent and barefoot slave woman laments, "All I know is, a change has gotta come. . ." And, suddenly, we are back in a Black church.

A moving rendition of "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child", is built into joyous gospel sounds of hallelujahs, tambourines and shouts, together with snatches of "When I Lay My Burden Down" and "Precious Lord". And, out from the celebrants steps a young, "revolutionary" woman whose sermon text is ". . . If we all link hands together, we can stand up . . . "

A packed auditorium at Rainbow Sign, in Berkeley, gave the sisters and the brothers a well deserved, standing ovation. *Four Women* should be made available to audiences, particularly Black audiences, around the country. It is an inspired statement, forcefully and creatively made.

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DETROIT PROJECTS

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Detroit Housing Commission. We will expect the Herman Gardens Community to take the initiative in strengthening and if necessary reorganizing the Advisory Council so that it functions and communicates to the total community."

The improved maintenance and repairs demanded by the Detroit housing projects community are basic. They are not luxuries. Yet, community action was necessary to prompt the city government to meet those demands. Such strong and organized community action is increasing all across the country, and many people's victories, sometimes small but always significant, are the result.

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(Being Implemented)

Provides free dental check-ups, treatment and an educational program for dental hygiene.

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(Being Implemented)

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